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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Pellets or micro pellets of one or more single pigment concentrates and of one or more additive concentrates, wherein the one or more single pigment concentrates include a carrier resin and a pigment, wherein the one or more additive concentrates includes a carrier resin and an active ingredient and wherein the one or more single pigment concentrates and the one or more additive concentrates have at least two different chemical compositions, or two or more of the single pigment concentrates with at least two different chemical compositions, or two or more of the additive concentrates with at least two different chemical compositions,
wherein the pellets or micro pellets are of substantially equal density, wherein the pigment in the one or more or two or more single pigment concentrates is present between 20% and 80% by weight and wherein the active ingredient in the one or more or two or more additive concentrates is selected from the group consisting of anti-blocking, anti-fogging, anti-microbial, antioxidant, anti-slipping, anti-static or cleaning agents, compatibilizers, conductive agents, corrosion inhibitors, de-nesting agents, drying agents, fillers, flame retardants, foaming agents, infrared agents, laser marker agents, lubricants, matting agents, nucleating agents, opacifiers, optical brightener, phosphorescent agents, photo-degradable agents, processing aids and UV stabilisers.
2. (Previously Presented) Pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, wherein the pellets or micro pellets are of substantially equal size.
3. (Previously Presented) Pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, wherein the pellets or micro pellets are of substantially equal shape.
4. (Previously Presented) Pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, wherein the pellets or micro pellets have substantially equal electrostatic properties.

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5. (Currently Amended) Pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, wherein the particle size of the pellets is from ~~larger than~~ 2.0 mm to 4.0 mm.
6. (Previously Presented) Pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, wherein the density of the pellets or micro pellets is from 0.5 to 1.5 g/cm³.
7. (Previously Presented) A masterbatch comprising pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1.
8. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, comprising the step of forming a reference from the single pigment concentrate or additive concentrate with the chemical composition of lower specific weight and reducing the specific weight of the one or more single pigment concentrates and/or one or more additive concentrates to the specific weight of the reference by reducing the pigment concentration of the one or more single pigment concentrates and/or reducing the additive concentration of the one or more additive concentrates.
9. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, comprising the steps of forming a reference from the single pigment concentrate or additive concentrate with the chemical composition of lower specific weight and reducing the specific weight of the one or more single pigment concentrates and/or the one or more additive concentrates to the specific weight of the reference by adding a blowing agent to the one or more single pigment concentrates and/or additive concentrates.

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10. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, comprising the step of forming a reference from the single pigment concentrate or additive concentrate with the chemical composition of higher specific weight and increasing the specific weight of the one or more single pigment concentrates and/or one or more additive concentrates to the specific weight of the reference by adding a filler to the one or more single pigment concentrates and/or one or more additive concentrates.

11. (Currently Amended) A process for making a further masterbatch comprising the step of adding pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1 to a reaction-mixture of masterbatches during the manufacture of the further masterbatch.

12. (Currently Amended) A process for coloring and/or imparting additive properties on a plastic article comprising the step of adding pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1 to the a reaction-mixture of plastic material during the formation of the plastic article.

13. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 12, wherein the plastic article is in the form of a fiber.

14. (Previously Presented) A plastic article made with at least one masterbatch according to claim 7.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) Pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, wherein the particle size of the micro pellets is from 0.5 to 2.0 mm.

17. (Currently Amended) Pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, wherein the particle size of the pellets is ~~from~~ larger than 2.0 mm.

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18. (Currently Amended) Pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, wherein the particle size of the pellets is ~~from~~ larger than 4.0 mm.

19. (Previously Presented) Pellets or micro pellets according to claim 1, wherein the density of the pellets or micro pellets is from 0.6 to 1.1 g/cm³.

20. (Previously Presented) A plastic made in accordance with the process of claim 12.

21. (New) Pellets or micro pellets of one or more single pigment concentrates and of one or more additive concentrates, wherein the one or more single pigment concentrates include a carrier resin and a pigment, wherein the one or more additive concentrates includes a carrier resin and an active ingredient and wherein the one or more single pigment concentrates and the one or more additive concentrates have at least two different chemical compositions, wherein the pellets or micro pellets are of substantially equal density and wherein the pigment in the one or more single pigment concentrates is present between 20% and 80% by weight.

22. (New) Pellets or micro pellets of two or more single pigment concentrates with at least two different chemical compositions, wherein the two or more single pigment concentrates include a carrier resin and a pigment, wherein the pellets or micro pellets are of substantially equal density and wherein the pigment in the two or more single pigment concentrates is present between 20% and 80% by weight.

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23. (New) Pellets or micro pellets of two or more single pigment concentrates with at least two different chemical compositions, or two or more additive concentrates with at least two different chemical compositions, wherein the two or more additive concentrates includes a carrier resin and an active ingredient, wherein the pellets or micro pellets are of substantially equal density and wherein the active ingredient in the two or more additive concentrates is selected from the group consisting of anti-blocking, anti-fogging, anti-microbial, antioxidant, anti-slipping, anti-static or cleaning agents, compatibilizers, conductive agents, corrosion inhibitors, de-nesting agents, drying agents, fillers, flame retardants, foaming agents, infrared agents, laser marker agents, lubricants, matting agents, nucleating agents, opacifiers, optical brightener, phosphorescent agents, photo-degradable agents, processing aids and UV stabilisers.